

Dear Parents / Carers

Last Friday the staff of St John's had a day of **faith formation**. It was a wonderful opportunity for prayer, contemplation and nurturing our spirituality. The day (organised by Mrs Bawden) took the staff on a pilgrimage in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. We went on a journey to a sacred place - St Mary's Cathedral; passed through the door of Mercy; prayed; listened to the 'Word of God'; shared Eucharist and had the opportunity to encounter Christ's mercy. Pope Francis reminded us in this Year of Mercy that "the mercy of God is a beautiful truth of faith for our lives. God's love for us is so great, so deep, it is an unfailing love; one which always takes us by the hand and supports us, lifts us up and leads us on." As followers of Christ we should find these words very comforting. Last Sunday was the final day of the Jubilee Year of Mercy. As Pope Francis closed the Holy Door in Rome the universal church gave thanks to God for His abundant mercy towards all of creation. And church leaders renewed their commitment to be people of mercy in imitation of our Saviour for the years to come. Mrs Bawden represented St John's school at the Parramatta Diocesan Ceremony of the 'closing of the door,' at St Patrick's Cathedral. Mrs Bawden accepted a commemorative gift on behalf of our school community. The religious poster will be hung in the school as a reminder that all people in our school community should strive to be people of compassion and mercy.



The last term in every school is very busy. This term for example at St John's we have had or will have: an intensive swimming program, Early Stage 1 transition days and parent information night, curriculum evening, school disco, OLMC work experience students program, WH&S audit, Annual School Report, end-of-year mass and pageant, Year 6 fun day, Year 6 graduation and supper, school picnic, parent / career volunteer liturgy and morning tea, report writing and the professional learning that the staff is involved in throughout the term. I am mentioning this to point out that while all of this is going on, so is excellent teaching and learning in each of the learning spaces.

As the year draws to a close, I want to remind you all that the teaching learning goes on right to the end of the term. We will continue to have literacy support and numeracy support, as well as all of the other key learning areas. Improving the learning outcomes for all our children at St John's is our core business. The children's learning is our first priority. My appreciation and thanks to our parents / carers for your valuable role as the primary educators of your child for supporting the staff in this most important and satisfying work. We are blessed to have a dedicated team of professionals at St John's who give so generously of their self, skills and time. As well as learning, our high expectation of good behaviour and attention to the uniform policy also continue. The summer uniform is to be worn with black shoes. Regulation hair accessories and jewellery are also to be worn. I ask for your support in this area please.

Our Christmas pageant is on Friday 2nd December and is one of the highlights of the year. This year Andrew Chinn, a renowned musician and composer, will lead the Christmas pageant. He will rehearse with the children throughout the day in preparation for the evening. Remembering the real meaning of Christmas is always the focus of this event as well as a showcase of our children's talents. I am aware that this is a very busy time of year for everyone and some students may have other commitments elsewhere. If this is the case please send in a note to inform your child's teacher. It is our wish that all our students are able to attend St John's Christmas concert.



It was a lovely experience to welcome next year's **kindergarten children** to St. John's as part of the transition program. We look forward to learning more about these delightful children over the next few weeks and working in partnership with their families in the years ahead.

It was a privilege to witness some of our students take the next step in their faith development at **Confirmation** on Tuesday 15th November. It was a memorable ceremony officiated by Bishop Vincent, assisted by Father Zac. Congratulations to our students and families. Our appreciation and thanks to Mrs Cathy Downey, St John the Evangelist Parish Sacramental Coordinator, Mrs Janelle Bawden, Religious Education Coordinator and teachers: Miss Espiritu, Mrs McCarter, Miss Saliba and Mrs Tolhurst who helped prepare the children for the reception of the Sacrament.

Over the last few weeks the teachers have been working hard in preparing **student reports** for the second semester. The end of year report will be sent home on Friday 2nd December.

The information contained in the report is a summary of your child's achievement and is one of a number of ways we communicate with you about your child's development, achievement and progress. Teachers use a grade scale (A to E) to report on the level of achievement. The grades are determined by measuring student performance against stage outcomes reached at the point in time of the reporting period. The grade your child receives will reflect their level of achievement based on the outcomes and the content covered so far this year. The grade scale summarises how well students achieve at each grade by describing the depth of knowledge and understanding and the range of skills that students working at that standard typically demonstrate.

Making progress is best understood by the following explanation: If your child receives the same grade on two consecutive reports they have made progress. For example if they receive a 'C' in English in the middle of the year and again at the end of the year they have made progress. Between the two reporting periods the student will have learned new knowledge and skills of a more advanced nature. To receive a grade 'C' on the second occasion the student must have a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills in relation to this new and more challenging material.

Please take the opportunity to ask your child's teacher if you have any questions about the report or grading.

In keeping with our reporting policy optional parent teacher interviews are available starting Monday 5th December. If you require an interview please contact your child's teacher who will schedule a time with you.

Our School leaders, Jeremiah Krilic, Natasha Bracken and Jessica Couzins represented St John's at the Riverstone RSL **Remembrance Day Service**. The children laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the St John's Community. The children were wonderful ambassadors for St John's. Well done!

The Riverstone Combined Churches **Christmas carols** is on again this year. Please consider allowing your children to be part of this community event. They do not have to be in the choir – it is open for the whole school to sing the songs we are learning with Mrs Heslop. A separate note will be sent home outlining the details.

The **Parent's and Friends Association committee meeting** will take place on Monday 28th November. This will be the last for the year. I encourage you to come along and show support for the P & F and for St. John's. It would be wonderful to see some new faces and hear all your fantastic ideas.

The meeting starts at 7.00pm and concludes at 8.30 pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Just a reminder that a fundraising group meeting will be held this evening at 7.00pm in the hall. This meeting is for any interested community members (parents, carers, teachers, parishioners) who would like to contribute to a forum to discuss the possibility of holding a major fundraiser for St John's in 2017.

The school disco was a great success; and was well-attended. It was a tremendous night of dancing, music and fun for both children and parents. It was heart warming to hear the many positive comments from our community. Events like these help nurture friendships and build community spirit. Thank you to Mrs Tolhurst, Mr Catanzariti and the many wonderful Year 6 parents for all your hard work in making this social event happen.

Happy Hands Principal's Award Recipients Morning Tea

A **student / principal morning tea** will be held on Wednesday 30th November in recognition of the students listed below for achieving the principal's award in St John's Happy Hands Program.

Congratulations to Sofia Maggio and Ryan Camilleri

Parent/Carer Volunteers Thank You Liturgy and Morning Tea

In every newsletter I find myself thanking our generous parents / carers for their continued and generous support of our school community. As I have indicated on many occasions we would not be able to do everything we do without your assistance. In appreciation of your many and various contributions to St John's our staff have invited all our volunteers to a **special liturgy and morning tea** on Thursday 1st December, starting at 9.15 am. If you haven't already returned your RSVP please do so by the week commencing 28th November or alternatively ring Mrs Cremona in the office.

Parents / carers are invited to a **cuppa and chat** to be held on the morning of Friday December 2nd in the library. We will gather at 9.00am. This will be the last cuppa and chat for 2016.

God Bless,

Patricia

Please keep in your prayers all the sick members of our St John's Community, especially
Adrian Bugeja
 brother of
Brayden and Lucia
Bugeja



AFTERNOON PICK-UP

If you are unable to pick-up your child at afternoon dismissal, please ensure that the person nominated to collect your child is listed on your child's school records to do so on your behalf.

Signed notification needs to be received by the school office prior to your child being permitted to leave the school grounds.

The safety of all our children is paramount and we thank you for your cooperation.

WHAT'S COMING UP

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| 23rd November | Major Fundraiser Meeting @ 7pm |
| 24th November | Swimming Carnival |
| 28th November | P & F Meeting @ 7pm |
| 30th November | Principal's Award Recipients morning tea |
| 30th November | Kindy 2017 transition |
| 1st December | Parent/Carers Volunteers Thank You Liturgy/Morning Tea |
| 2nd December | Principal's Cuppa/ Chat @ 9am/Library |
| 2nd December | Andrew Chinn Christmas Concert @ 6.30pm |
| 5th & 6th December | Moving days Stage 2 & 3 |
| 9th December | End of Year Mass @ 10am |
| 9th December | Whole School Picnic |
| 12th December | Year 6 fun day |
| 14th December | Year 6 Graduation Mass at 6.30pm |
| 16th December | Arch of Tears Last day for students |
| 19th & 20th December | Staff Development Days |
| 31st January | First Day Term 1/2017 |

Religious Education



Christmas Concert

Friday 2nd December

Religious songwriter and singer, Andrew Chinn, will be visiting our school to be a part of our Christmas celebrations. Andrew's songs, such as "These Hands", "Together As One", "Rainbow" and "In the Beginning" are used in classrooms and liturgies around Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

Parents/parishioners are warmly invited to be a part of the celebration of faith and fun.

The concert will take place in in our school hall at 6.30pm. Please look for the separate note coming home with your child today with more information.

We look forward to seeing you there.



Confirmation

On Tuesday 15th November some stage 3 students received the sacrament of Confirmation at St John's Church by Bishop Vincent. We continue to pray for these children as they develop their faith and continue on their journey with Christ.

Congratulations to

*Janella Mendoza
Anthony Chitto
Noah Filmore
Sarah Mansweto
Candice Mercieca
Bronte Peter
Kaitlyn Bentley*



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Friday, November 18 the staff embarked on a 'pilgrimage' into the city to St Mary's Cathedral. Undertaking a pilgrimage is a sign that mercy is a goal to reach and it requires dedication and sacrifice. "The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy year, because it represents the journey each of us make in this life." Pope Francis (MV14)

The staff walked through the Door of Mercy and journeyed through six different Mercy Stations where they were be able to rest, reflect and pray. In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis also said, "The Holy Door will become a Door of Mercy through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope." (MV3)

We all had an enriching and rewarding experience that strengthen our faith and practice.

SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

St John's Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow 24th November at Hawkesbury Oasis Complex, Drummond Road, South Windsor

Students should wear their sports uniform, with swimming costume underneath. Children are permitted to wear a plain t-shirt indicating their house colour (no logos) (please look for the note that was sent home with each child last week indicating their house group).

Please provide your child with adequate sun protection for the day (sunscreen and school hat must be worn). Children will need plenty of light, healthy snacks to eat between events, a sensible lunch and plenty to drink (preferably water). No glass bottles please. Students will be sitting in their house teams and will only be permitted to go to the canteen if time permits and we are able to free up a teacher to supervise. Parents are not permitted to take children to the canteen. Please do not allow your child to rely on the canteen for their food for the day just in case we are unable to accommodate them.

If you have not sent in your child's permission/emergency note and payment into the school office please do so urgently. No child will be permitted to attend the carnival without parental permission.

Please ensure your child is at school before 8.45am, buses will leave at 9am sharp.

Thank you to all the wonderful parent/carers helpers who have volunteered for the day, without your generosity this event would not be taking place.



PARISH NEWS

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24th December (Christmas Eve)
Children's Mass 5.30pm
Christmas Eve Mass 9pm

Sunday 25th December (Christmas Day) 7am and 9am

Reconciliation at St John's

First Rite (Individual confession)

Tuesday 20th December 6 - 7pm

Wednesday 21st December 10am – 11am & 6 - 7pm

Thursday 22nd December 10am – 11am

Friday 23rd December 6 – 7pm

Saturday 24th December NO RECONCILIATION

The Second Rite will be held at

Mary Immaculate Quakers Hill

Tuesday 20th December 7.30pm

Our Lady of the Rosary Kellyville

Wednesday 21st December 7.30pm

ST JOHN'S EAGLES

Round Robin Indoor Soccer 25th January

INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE,
Corner Hamilton St and Garfield Rd
9.30am – 2.30pm

Opened to boys and girls aged 5-16

***Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a parent/carers or responsible person over the age of 15.**

No child under the age of 8 can be left unattended at any time.

\$12 per player Lucky door prizes,
Sausage Sizzle Lunch.

Once again we remind you to wear the proper non marking shoes, long socks and shin pads.

All enquiries Parish office 9627 1176.

**Please fill in the permission Slip from the back of the church and return to the Coordinator
Help appreciated!**

P & F NEWS

The next P & F Meeting will be
held on
**Monday 28th November 2016 at
7pm in the school hall**

***Your support is
needed and
everyone is
encouraged to
attend***

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Prayer
3. Apologies
4. Previous minutes accepted
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurers Report
7. Presidents Review
8. Principals Review
9. Snack Shack report
10. Fundraising committee update
11. Draft money handling procedure
12. Christmas Concert
13. Review/Thank you
14. Parent/school wish list
15. General Business
16. Close

P & F NEWS

The P & F Association aims to:

- Actively promote the interest and public image of St John's Riverstone ("The School") in particular and Catholic education generally by bringing together parents, pupils, clergy and teaching staff in a spirit of collaboration and close co-operation.
- Provide a forum for discussion on education and pastoral matters.
- Promote activities to raise funds which assist and support the school to acquire teaching resources and keep buildings and grounds in good order.
- Provide opportunities for the school, parents, staff and other parishioners to come together to celebrate and socialise so as to build a strong and harmonious community spirit.
- Assist in maintenance and improvement of amenities, resources and facilities of the school.

WORLD TEACHER'S DAY

St John's Celebrated World Teacher's Day on Friday 28th October, thank you to all the families that contributed in any way from bringing a plate of delicious food, setting up and cleaning up. The teacher's enjoyed a beautiful high tea and really appreciated the generosity of everyone involved.



Language of Mathematics

Understanding the language of Mathematics can be complex. This is because of the many different aspects of each concept. Below is a table that outlines all the language that is taught from Early Stage One to Stage Three in just Multiplication and Division.

Multiplication and Division			
ES1	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3
group, share, equal.	group, number of groups , number in each group , sharing , shared between , left over , total , equal. add , take away , group, row , column , array , number of rows , number of columns , number in each row , number in each column , total , equal, is the same as , shared between , shared equally , part left over , empty number line , number chart .	group, row, column, horizontal , vertical , array , multiply , multiplied by , multiplication , multiplication facts , double , shared between , divide , divided by , division , equals , strategy , digit , number chart . product , tens , ones , multiple , factor , Halve , remainder	multiply , multiplied by , product , multiplication , multiplication facts , area , thousands , hundreds , tens , ones , double , multiple , factor , divide , divided by , quotient , division , halve , remainder , fraction , decimal , equals , strategy , digit , estimate , round to . speed , per , operations , order of operations , grouping symbols , brackets , number sentence

This list is extensive and can be overwhelming. To help students (and parents) understand the language of Mathematics I encourage parents to;

1) discuss mathematical language with your children and use a mathematical dictionary to further explore the Mathematical language.

<http://www.amathsdictionaryforkids.com/dictionary.html>

This website is an example of an online Maths dictionary that is easy to use to explore mathematical language.

2) use the online Mathematics Syllabus to learn the language of Mathematics in each strand. This can be found at:

<http://syllabus.bostes.nsw.edu.au/mathematics/mathematics-k10/>

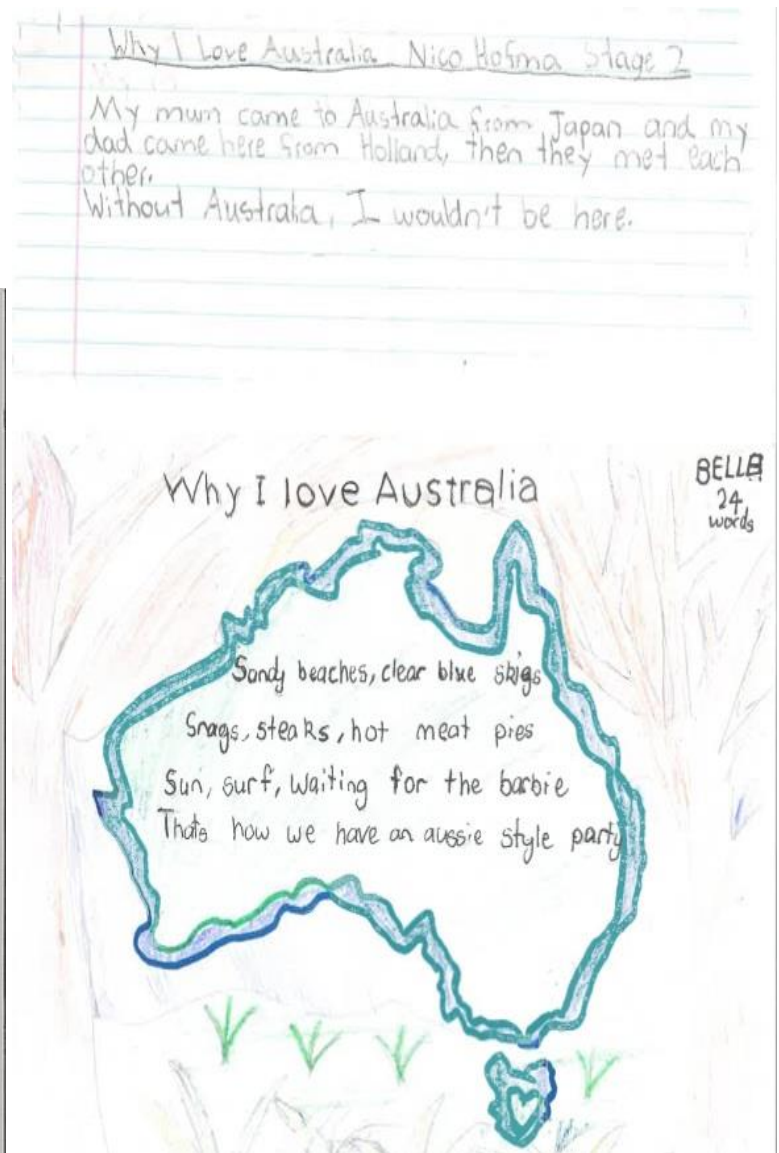
Each page of the syllabus has a section called Language. This shows the language that is taught in that strand. The words that are in bold are new words to that stage.

Parents play an important role in developing language in children. This is also the case in Mathematics.

Jason Fisher

Literacy at St John's

I love Australia because
 swim, dusty, sings
 y'day, g'day. I love the
 food, the beach and the hot
 hot sun. Kipper's and
 kippers are so nice.
 from Ryan Cummins
 Early stage one



MARCELLA GALATI CLASS: STAGE ONE

Australia is an exceptional, and safe
 country. There are many diverse places
 to travel and enjoy. Australia is loved
 by me, a proud AUSSIE!

Library News

Book Fair

Thank you everyone for your very generous support with Book Fair this year. It was fantastic to see so many children and parents enjoying books and enthusiastic about reading. We also received a number of donations for the library and I would like to thank these families for their kind donation.

The commission on sales means that we are able to purchase valuable resources for the school.

Our Book Fair competition was a great success and the standard of writing made it very difficult to choose winners.

These children won a \$15 Book Voucher for the Book Fair for their fabulous writing.

Ryan Camilleri (Early Stage 1)

I love Australia because Slim Dusty sings "G'day, G'day".
I love the food and beach and the hot sun. Kangaroos
and koalas are so cute.

Nico Hofma (Stage 2)

My Mum came to Australia from Japan and my Dad came
here from Holland, then they met each other.
Without Australia, I wouldn't be here.

Marcella Galati (Stage 1)

Australia is an exceptional and safe country. There are
many diverse places to travel and enjoy. Australia is
loved by me, a proud AUSSIE!

Isabelle McIntyre (Stage 3)

Sandy beaches, clear blue skies,
Snags, steaks, hot meat pies,
Sun, surf, waiting for the Barbie
That's how we have an Aussie style party.

End of Year - Please return resources

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another year. I would like to do a stock-take of resources and in order to do this I need ALL LIBRARY BOOKS, HOME READERS, GUIDED READERS and LITERACY BOOKS returned to school no later than Wednesday 30th November.



PASSPORTS ARE NOW DUE!

*Please hand your passports
into Mrs Heslop or place in
the Office Box before 1st
December*

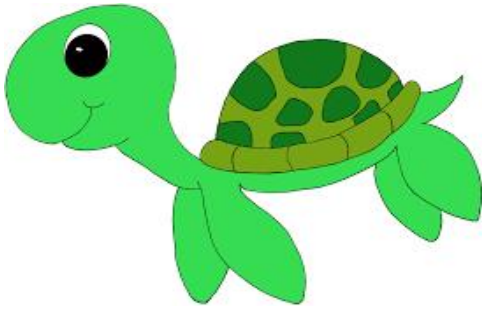
Premiers Reading Challenge

Stay –tuned! I should have more information very soon.

Happy Reading

Mrs Heslop

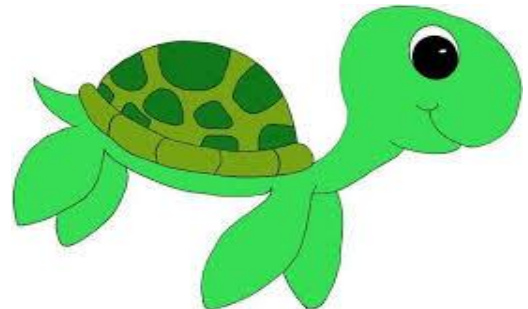
POEMS BY STAGE TWO



Turtle

Turtle crawls slowly.
Turtle crawls slowly, zig zags.
Crawls slowly, zig zags gloomily.
Slowly, zig zags gloomily, bumpily
On the path.

By Charlize



Turtle

Turtle swims slowly.
Turtle swims slowly, carefully.
Swims slowly, carefully, cautiously.
Slowly, carefully, cautiously, curiously
On his daily swim.

By Mia

Inspector Bubblewrap

Inspector Bubblewrap behaves weirdly.
Inspector Bubblewrap behaves weirdly, dan-
gerously.
Behaves weirdly, dangerously, curiously.
Weirdly, dangerously, curiously, strangely
Everywhere he goes.

By Ryan.



Values Award Week 3**Fair Go****Xygelle Aguila ES1, Shaun Tolmie Stage****1, Chanelle Xerri****Stage 2, Jazmin Taylor Stage 3****Merit Award****Week 3****Ryan Camilleri ES1, Alisha Xerri &****Joseph Calleija Stage 1,****Matthew Godwin & Darius Tran Stage 2,****Shudarshan Krishnan &****Jenella Mendoza Stage 3****Principal Award****Week 3****Madeleine Taylor ES1, Edward Brown****Stage 1, Nico Hofma Stage 2, Kaitlyn****Bentley Stage 3****Values Award Week 4****Freedom****Aanoohah Safe Fatah ES1, Isabella****Hartz Stage 1, Jasmin Finadri Stage 2,****Sophia Mae Aguado Stage 3****Merit Award****Week 4****Emilia Keating & Neal Kuncheitra Stage****1, May Kuncheitra & Dylan Albanis****Stage 2, Bradley Pender & Jazmine Tay-****lor Stage 3****Principal Award****Week 4****Bailee Dewberry ES1,****Amandeep Singh Stage 1, Page Williams****Stage 2, Rebecca Uildriks Stage 3****CONGRATULATIONS****HAPPY HANDS
AWARDS****Term 4****BRONZE AWARD****Week 3 - Amelia Makin, Jessica Spryn, Jacob Camil-****leri, Page Williams, Tallara Spence, Emily Mason,****Benjamin Arrowsmith & Aleida Boltjes****Week 4 - Krishan Kirpal, Imogen Talbot-Woodford,****Seth Jackson-Parkhouse, Jasmin Finadri,****Page Williams, Gurleen Kaur & Kristian Albanis****SILVER AWARD****Week 3 - Kaitlyn Bentley****GOLD AWARD****Week 3 - Ryan Bentley****Week 4 - Madeleine Taylor & Lucas Beazley****PRINCIPALS AWARD****Week 4 - Sofia Maggio & Ryan Camilleri****CONGRATULATIONS**

*Krishan Kirpal 29th October, Alexander Loney
2nd November, Tallara Sciberras 3rd November,
Hope Gibson 6th November, Isaac Calleija 11th
November, Sachleen Nagra 12th November,
Rishi Krishnan 14th November,
Bradley Pender 18th November,*



Building Child Safe Communities

Important Information for Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The opportunities provided to students are greatly enhanced by the contribution of volunteers. All volunteers will need to complete the **Undertaking for Volunteers' Form and Training Module** online before they can volunteer at St John's, please use the link below.

<http://childprotection.parra.catholic.edu.au/home>

Step 1: Complete 'Building Child Safe Communities - Undertaking for Volunteers' Form

You will need to complete a Volunteers Form for **each location** that you volunteer. A notification of your successful completion of the form will be sent via e-mail to the volunteering location and also to your email address.

Step 2: Complete the online training module

It is a system requirement that the online training module be completed by all volunteers commencing at any of our locations and the training needs to be completed every second year.

- Open the module by clicking the **Start** link below.
- Read through the presentation.

Complete and submit quiz questions (this will take approximately 10 minutes).

NOTE: IF YOU HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THE TRAINING MODULE YOU WILL ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE THE 'UNDERTAKING FOR VOLUNTEERS' FORM.

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

*IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL
PARENTS/CARERS TO ADVISE
THE SCHOOL OFFICE IN WRITING
OF ANY CHANGES/UPDATES TO
PARENT/CARERS AND
EMERGENCY CONTACTS
TELEPHONE/MOBILE NUMBERS*

*It is imperative that the
school is able to get in contact
with each and every child's
emergency
contacts at anytime.*

*PLEASE FORWARD ANY
CHANGES/UPDATES IN WRITING
TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE SO YOUR
CHILD RECORDS CAN BE
AMENDED*

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL PARENTS/ CARERS

Over the Counter Medication

Over the counter medication including analgesics or homeopathic preparations cannot be administered by school staff unless a written request (Request to Administer Medication Form) is received from the student's parent/carers and is accompanied by written advice from a medical practitioner with the medication in the original labelled container. The exception is reliever puffers for the emergency treatment of asthma.

SCHOOL FEES

PLEASE ENSURE SCHOOL FEES FOR
2016 ARE FINALISED BY
WEEKENDING

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER

PLEASE CONTACT MRS NOLAN IN THE
SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE ANY
CLARIFICATION

LATE ARRIVALS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS/CARERS

**THE GATE NEAR THE KISS AND DROP AREA WILL BE CLOSED BY THE
TEACHER ON DUTY AT THE CONCLUSION OF KISS AND DROP DAILY**

***IF YOU ARRIVE AFTER THE BELL AT 8.50am YOU WILL NEED TO USE THE INTERCOM TO
GAIN ENTRY AND MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD TO THE OFFICE TO COMPLETE A LATE
ARRIVAL/PARTIAL ABSENCE FORM, YOUR CHILD WILL BE GIVEN A LATE ARRIVAL PASS TO
HAND TO THEIR CLASS TEACHER TO CONFIRM THAT A PARTIAL ABSENCE HAS BEEN
PROCESSED BY THE OFFICE STAFF***

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT REGARDING THIS MATTER

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

LETTERS WERE SENT HOME TO
PARENTS/CARERS

REGARDING UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES
THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION IS RE-
QUIRED URGENTLY AND NEEDS TO BE
RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

If your child is absent from school it is
the Parent/Carers responsibility to
send to school with the child (on their
return) a written explanation of the
reason for absence and it also needs to
be signed by the Parent/Carer.

This is a legal requirement.



MORNING SUPERVISION

Before school supervision of
students commences at 8.20am.

Parents are asked not to drop off their
children at school prior to this time.

*This is for the safety of all our
students*

ATTENDANCE REGISTER

An Attendance Register is a legal document that records
you child's attendance at school. Please note that if your
child is absent from school, **signed, written notification**
must be sent to the class teacher. Short absences do not
require a phone call to the school office.

UNIFORM EXPECTATION

Thank you very much to our parents for ensuring that
your children come to school in the correct full school
uniform and neatly groomed.

Please note

- ♦ Long hair must be tied back
with regulation (school col-
ours) ribbon, band or school
scrunchie and **extreme hair
styles are not acceptable.** This
includes no streaks, hair col-
ouring , lines and shaved cuts.
- ♦ Sports shoes must be predominantly white with
white laces **NOT COLOURED.**
- ♦ GIRLS SOCKS ARE LIGHT BLUE and WHITE ON
SPORTS DAY
- ♦ NAIL POLISH is NOT PERMITTED
- ♦ SCHOOL HAT IS TO BE WORN OUTDOORS AT ALL
TIMES (St John's Primary School has a NO HAT NO
PLAY Policy)
- ♦ GIRLS AND BOYS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR
TIES WITH THE WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORM
- ♦ GIRLS TAB TIES ARE AVAILABE FROM THE SCHOOL
OFFICE FOR \$5
- ♦ BOYS TIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE FOR \$17 large and \$15 small

Thank You for your co-operation



ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL RULES

Be a good learner
Be respectful
Be safe



SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is done on Thursday
Please send in your bank books via the
classroom office box.



STAY IN THE LOOP NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

As you are aware we are able to send home newsletters either by email or a printed hard copy. Take a look at our website and you can subscribe to receive our fortnightly newsletter, event reminders and news

www.stjohnsriverstone.catholic.edu.au



CHOIR



ALL STUDENTS IN YEAR 2 TO YEAR 6 ARE INVITED TO JOIN MRS HESLOP IN THE SCHOOL HALL
EVERY THURSDAY AT LUNCH TIME FOR CHOIR PRACTICE
COME ALONG AND JOIN IN ALL THE FUN!



Lunch orders are available on Monday's and Friday's from Wildcats Café. Please write your child's order on a brown paper bag and enclose the correct money. Children can then place their orders in the blue lunch order boxes located in the under-croft, near the student foyer.

OPAL CARDS

If your child needs a **School Opal Card** and you haven't applied online yet, please call into the school office for a brochure with detailed instructions on how to apply. Once you apply, the forms you print out need to be sent into the school office for verification and then we forward them to Transport NSW who will then issue the Opal Card to your child.



Parent Pick-up

Parents/Carers are asked to please wait in the parent pick up area in front of the school office or in the under-croft and

NOT TO CONGREGATE NEAR YOUR CHILD'S CLASSROOM OR IN THE AREA BETWEEN EARLY STAGE ONE AND STAGE ONE CLASSROOMS.

This is for the safety of all of our children. We appreciate your co-operation regarding this matter

ASSEMBLY

Whole School Assembly is held
FRIDAY'S AT 2.30PM

All Parent's/Carers/Family and Friends are most welcome to join our school community

SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES

School commences at 8:50 am and concludes at 2:50 pm

All children that arrive after the morning bell need to be accompanied by a Parent/Carer to the office to complete a late arrival form that needs to be signed by the Parent/Carer. This is a legal requirement and the child will be processed as an unexplained partial absence if the Parent/Carer does not attend the office with the child. Please have your child at school before 8:50am.



ST JOHN'S PLAYGROUP

Tuesday and Thursday
9:15—11:15 am

If you have children under 5 years old, why not bring them along each Tuesday or Thursday to Playgroup in the Church Hall. Mums, dads, grandparents and carers are all welcome. For further inquiries please contact Tina on 9627 7625 or the Parish Office on 9627 1176

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Call in for a School tour anytime

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Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 6pm, Sunday 7am & 9am